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Whitney's Task.

Mr. Whitney's Chicago task is a fruitful source of speculation. His great difficulty is generally recognized. It is conceded that he is entirely in earnest, and that he hopes to accomplish something. But what can he accomplish? Induce the silver men to forego, or materially change, their program? Induce them to write a gold platform, or a clever straddle, and put a clever straddler up as the candidate? The demagogue in Washington believes that it is with the power of any man to accomplish that. Is there anything short of that Mr. Whitney will care to undertake, or that it will be important for him to undertake?

The latest suggestion is that Mr. Whitney is going to Chicago not so much with the hope of checking the silver tide as of preventing as far as possible any undue damage to the party. A declaration in favor of free coinage will be disastrous enough, but if that should be accompanied by a denunciation of the administration, the effect on the party organization would be felt for a good many years. There has been some threat of this. Some of the strongest of the free silver men—and they will sit as delegates in the Chicago convention—are most severe in their attacks on both the President and Mr. Carlisle. Only Mr. Tillman, so far, has freed his mind from the stump, but much of what he has said there has been said by others in conversation not so very private. The fear is, therefore, that unless the best of diplomatic good offices can be commanded, the convention, under the economic control of these men, may be induced to express itself in a way to drive every friend of the President into open opposition to the ticket.

For work like this Mr. Whitney has talent. He is a promoter of good feeling. He has a wide personal acquaintance with public men, and his address is engaging. Those who refuse to accept him as a finisher readily accept him as a party man, and probably all will hear him with respect on the subject of the party's present embarrassments in the east. They will likewise recognize his right to speak. More than any other man in the party, he is responsible for the present administration, and if he were to put in a plea for it at this time—a plea after the order of that which saved the life of the President in the western music hall—the feeling is that he is entitled to a hearing.

Mr. Gorman, it is plain enough, could do nothing in this line. He has not been on visiting terms at the White House for two years. Mr. Bristow is almost as powerless. He visits the President occasionally, but not on terms of great cordiality. Mr. Hill will defend the administration when he can help the party, but his attitude is well understood. He is not the President's friend as Mr. Whitney is, and if he were to undertake to spread his wing over the President at Chicago the convention might refuse to take the performance seriously.

For the reasons given, the job is thought to be Mr. Whitney's, and as the President's personal friend he has undertaken it. How well he acquires himself remains to be seen. He will find the silver men in the mood militant, with pugnacious fighters like Mr. Vest, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Harris in the lead, and they may be a little harder to approach because of the letter Mr. Whitney has just put out. That is so strong and sweeping an indictment of the St. Louis money plank, that Chairman Hanna after the fight begins may well circulate many thousand copies of it.

Wicked Venezuela.

Once more there is display of indignation in that center of all the Christian virtues—the city of London—and once more do the thunderous notes of angry British journals cross the Atlantic. Venezuela has been at it again. This time there has been interference with the work of a British surveying party that was engaged in what the Venezuelans regard as unwarranted trespass. Intelligent readers of the daily news know that the adjacent territories of Venezuela and British Guiana are undefined; that the line of demarcation is the subject of controversy of a pacific sort; that a commission of the United States is endeavoring for our national guidance to locate it properly, and that pending the settlement of the controversy matters in the disputed territory were to remain in their present condition. Yet the story which comes from British sources tells us that British surveyors were going right ahead in the disputed territory just as though the controversy had been finally settled in favor of the British claim. John Bull's most prominent characteristic was never more strongly in evidence than in this case.

The British critics can see no wrong in the assertion of British rights to survey disputed territory in imitation of the achievements in that line of Sir Robert Schomburgk, but are ready to fight because the Venezuelan government dares to interfere with what from the Venezuelan point of view is an impertinent intrusion.

The Pan-Presbyterian Council is going to have a most enjoyable session in 1896. The details have not been decided upon but it is settled that the council will meet in this city. Enough said.

Is Spain Looking for Real Trouble?

Ninety-nine per cent of American newspaper readers will laugh at the idea that Spain is likely to declare war against the United States. Yet such action by the Castilians is by no means an improbability. Without any direct intention to bring on a war, the people of the United States have said and done many things most annoying to the super-sensitive and hot-blooded Spaniards. The adoption of concurrent resolutions of Congress favoring Cuban independence excited Spanish ire, the success of many filibustering expeditions originating in this country caused the misuse of much language on the Peninsula, the outspoken declarations of the republican national convention aroused more than enough wrath, while the undoubted sympathy of the American people, as expressed through the American press, has added new varieties of nervous activity to the already restless Spanish character. A dispatch from Madrid states earnestly that it is feared there is that a conflict with this country seems

inevitable; that the Spanish government has been hastened by the convention to the purchase of two battleships just constructed at Cádiz, that other navy necessities are being bought in England; and that these expensive essentials are to be paid for out of money loaned by the Rothschilds on sufficient security. This news may not be dismissed as unreliable. The Spanish spirit is warlike; recklessly so. The Spanish people cannot understand—or, if they do, will not forgive—the sympathetic attitude of the United States toward Cuba. They have only vague notions as to the wealth and power and manliness of this republic. Their knowledge as to us is dangerously superficial. They note the facts that our standing army is infinitesimal in size, our navy new and untried in actual warfare, our coasts undefended. The Spaniards ignore the lessons taught by the military and naval history of the United States and overlook the martial spirit and soldierly adaptability which is one of the most prominent of American characteristics. There is no reasonable likelihood of a declaration of war by the United States. We are with Cuba—heart, soul and pocket-book—but we will not take the initiative as to conflict merely because we want the Cubans to be bound to get the independence they are bound to get after awhile. Beyond recognizing Cuban belligerency, which is due not later than March 5, 1897, but which is not in itself an act of hostility, being merely the statement of a fact and a pledge of impartiality, we are not likely to seek trouble, unless the Spanish maiming or killing of some American citizen in Cuba compels us to demonstrate that American citizenship must be respected by all the world, if it takes every American man and every American dollar to establish that doctrine. Illegal arrest, mock trial and murderous execution of one of us by Spain would be instantly and overwhelmingly resented. Spain must know this, and it may be that the warlike preparations are but the prearranged in advance action in the competitor case or as to some of the other Americans imprisoned in Havana.

That our War and Navy departments are careless at this time is not probable; they have undoubtedly taken Spain's measure and are as nearly ready as the inexcusable Congressional stinginess will permit them to be.

A Modern Miracle.

What is the matter with the garbage contractor? Has he lost his grip on the situation? It is asserted that the garbage crematory is burning refuse once more and that in view of that fact only a portion of the city's garbage has to be hauled down the Potomac in scows, to be dumped as nearly as possible below Alexandria. This means that the garbage contractor will not make quite as much profit as he has been making since he succeeded in shutting up the furnace in order that the scow system might have a chance. What influences combined to start the crematory again and to deprive the contractor of many dollars? It used to be that the District paid \$21,499 a year for garbage disposal by scow. The present contract gives the fortunate contractor \$57,000 for disposal by crematory, but permits him to return to scow methods at crematory prices whenever he cares to bring about the change. It is therefore surprising to note the renewed activity at the crematory, for incineration is so much more expensive than the scow system. What power has worked this miracle?

Parents cannot be blamed for wanting their children on the glorious Fourth to run the risk of being singed by the flames under their own eyes where the favorable chances are increased, instead of sending them off to some remote vacant lot that they may mutilate one another without disturbing the neighbors.

Professional pickpockets will be embarrassed when they have to choose between the Christian Endeavor Convention in this city and the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. The two events are contemporaneous. If the light-fingered operators consult their best interests they will go to Chicago.

The sound-money democratic leaders are announcing in quick succession that their highest ambition is to serve as privates in the ranks in the approaching struggle. From positions of unnoticed obscurity it will be much easier to take to the woods.

Sandwiched in between two conventions as it is, the Fourth of July has a right to complain of serious competition for the popular enthusiasm.

The discouraging view of the situation which Mr. Whitney now takes will make his glory all the greater in case he effects a cure.

SHOOTING STARS.

His Preference.

"I suppose you are going away for the summer," remarked the man who always moves with the crowd.

"No, sir," replied the base ball enthusiast. "I'm going right here to town."

"You don't care for an outing, then?"

"No, sir. I'd rather have nine innings any day."

To a Thermometer.

Your life, as we watch it, With gathering frowns, Has "ups" far too frequent And not enough "downs."

"Dah's one ting shore," said Uncle Eben, "bout all de chere accents dah's gwine ter happen 'long ob de Poth at de gate. Dah ain' nobody kin say dey didn' know 'twas loaded."

Changes.

He was once called to push the old swing with a will.

For the girl he had chosen to woo; But now he's expected to push her up hill On a cycle constructed for two.

An Indignant Protest.

He put on his hat and coat without a word and started for the door.

"Where are you going?" his wife inquired.

"To see the Commissioners about this Fourth of July edict."

"It does seem too bad to practically prohibit boys from enjoying their fireworks."

"The boys? I'm not worrying about the boys. What I'm going to do is to deliver an oration on behalf of the prize. I got time-honored privilege of getting out into the front yard in our slippers and smoking jacket and setting off rockets and pinwheels under the pretext that we are taking care of the youngsters, to be ruthlessly trampled on? Was it for this that our forefathers signed the Declaration of American Independence? What are we coming to? Their next move will be to say that we can't pretend we are going to the circus because our own or our neighbors' children want to look at the menagerie!"

Another Campaign.

Afar from the crowds that assemble to feel The pleasure that dwell In the orator's spell Is another campaign—and the popular weal Depends on it much, sooth to tell.

Its conventions are small; just a quorum of two.

With a half-earnest jest, And a quick quick suppressed O'er, human events holds direction more true And more potent than all of the rest.

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—We've done particularly well by our patrons this season, anyway, but we're doing better now than ever. We never before have been able to keep prices so low on goods of the standard quality we sell.

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All Trimmed Hats that have sold for \$5 are now marked..... \$2.58

A very pretty assortment of Children's Caps in various styles, worth 25c., at..... 10c.

GLOVE SPECIAL. Ladies' Shagreen Mousque-Like Washable Canvas Gloves, a new shipment just received. \$1 quality for..... 65¢

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Fruit Plates, six for.....39c.
Ind. Butter Plates, six for.....24c.
Tea Cups and Saucers, six for.....75c.
Coffee Cups and Saucers, six for.....89c.
Covered Vegetable Dishes, each.....79c.
Uncovered Vegetable Dishes, each.....27c.
Covered Butter Dishes, each.....59c.

Sugar Bowls, each.....44c.
Tea Pots, each.....49c.
Sauce Boats, each.....27c.
Salad Bowls, each.....69c.
Creams, each.....19c.
Cake Plates, each.....27c.
Meat Dishes, 10-in., each.....17c.
Meat Dishes, 12-in., each.....27c.
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